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Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is Form PTO-1449 and the references cited therein. Each document listed thereon was cited in a PCT Search Report which was mailed in an international counterpart application on September 09, 1999 (also enclosed). See that report for the degree of relevance (category) of each document and for the particular passages cited therefor.

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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures, plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited, along with an early action on the merits.

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